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1. NETHERLANDS DOES NOT OBJECT TO PERSONNEL DECISIONS MADE BY UN SECGEN NOR DOES IT GIVE WALDHEIM ITS OPINIONS ON HIS POTENTIAL CHOICES UNLESS ASKED. THIS WAS FONMIN OFFICER'S RESPONSE TO OUR REPRESENTATION ON SOMAVIA CANDIDACY. WE HAVE STRONG IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT THERE IS POTENTIAL SUPPORT FOR SOMAVIA WITHIN GON.

2. BODDENS-HOSANG, HEAD OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, TOLD EMBOFF JAN 17 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY WALDHEIM ON SOMAVIA, BUT BODDENS-HOSANG SAID THAT HE HAS DISCUSSED SOMAVIA WITH HIS SUPERIOR, AT MFA MINISTRY MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS PRONK, APPARENTLY IN EVENT WALDHEIM DOES ASK. PRONK DOES NOT KNOW: SOMAVIA.

3. BODDENS-HOSANG SAID THAT GON DOES HAVE NOW HAVE ANY POSI-TION ON SOMAVIA CANDIDACY NOR WOULD IT BE LIKELY TO HAVE CANDIDATE OF ITS OWN. HE PROMISED TO TELL PRONK OF OUR REPRESENTATION AND TO INFORM US IF ANYTHING DEVELOPS.

4. COMMENT: THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS WHICH MAKE US THINK GON HARBORS POTENTIAL SUPPORT FOR SOMAVIA. FIRST, BODDENS-HOSANG HIMSELF, WHILE POSTED IN SANTIAGO IN EARLY 1970'S KNEW SOMAVIA AND CLEARLY THINKS HIGHLY OF HIM. SECOND, SICCO MANSHOLT, WHO WAS FELLOW MEMBER OF SOMAVIA'S OWN PANEL OF EMINENT PERSONS STUDYING MNC'S AND WHO IS UNOFFICIAL ADVISOR TO PRONK, IS A SOCIALIST WITH MARKED PRO-ALLENDE SENTIMENTS WHO MAY BE FAVORABLY INCLINED TOWARD SOMAVIA. THIRD, PRONK HIMSELF IS WELL KNOWN HERE FOR HIS OWN LEFTIST ORIENTATION.

5. PRONK HAS INCIDENTALLY ALREADY COMMITTED GON TO GIVE
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UN'S NEW CENTER ON MNC'S.

6. MULTINATIONALS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER EXAMINATION WITHIN GON AS RESULT OF CABINET DECISION LAST AUGUST. IN CHARGE OF STUDY IS MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS LUBBERS, WHO WE REGARD AS FAIR-MINDED. REPORT ON STUDY WAS TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY CHRISTMAS BUT IT NOW APPEARS IT WILL NOT BE READY BEFORE THIS SUMMER. FROM WHAT BODDENS-HOSANG TOLD

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EMBOFF, WE GATHER DELAY RESULTS FROM SUBSTANTIAL RE-WRITING
OF ECONOMIC MINISTER'S DRAFT BY OFFICIALS IN PRONK'S OFFICE.
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